

PREFACE

This is the sixth edition of the *Technical and Software Bulletin* and is the final edition as a separate element of *Earth Processes and Landforms*. The *Technical and Software Bulletin*, which itself follows on from the British Geomorphological Research Group's Technical Bulletin series was initiated to allow for publication of computer-related code, images and datasets alongside more traditional text papers. Each *Technical and Software Bulletin* has included a computer disk and the software and datasets have, in themselves, found favour amongst the research community. The *Bulletin* grew alongside the Internet and the World Wide Web and it is apparent that the use of the Web for software transfer greatly improves the availability of our material. This edition contains no floppy disks, rather the software is available, for the first time, entirely through the Wiley Web Site. In the future the text papers will become one seamless element of the main journal and the subject and the contributors and editorial team move on.

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